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Refuge Releases Details for 2011 Drive-On Fishing Permit Process

After a careful assessment of beach conditions, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge has finalized details regarding the 2011 drive-on fishing season. A total of 75 drive-on permits will be issued this year (an increase from the 50 permits issued in 2010).

Application for a permit may be made by submitting the following information by mail or in person:

- Name
- Address
- Daytime Phone Number
- E-mail Address
- Massachusetts Saltwater License number, or the saltwater license number and state for a saltwater license that has a reciprocity agreement with Massachusetts (NH, RI, CT)

Applications must be received at Refuge headquarters before 8:00am on August 15, 2011. 75 applications will be selected using a lottery system and successful applicants will be notified by August 19, 2011. Successful applicants must obtain their permit at the Parker River NWR headquarters, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee by August 26, 2011. If any permits remain, alternates will be notified by August 28, 2011 and must obtain their permit, have a vehicle inspection, and pay the appropriate fee by September 2, 2011. Additional information will be provided to the successful applicants.

Applications can be mailed to: Parker River NWR, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950. Applications can also be dropped off at the same location during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.